State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1998

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HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO.

HCR1002 - 2/4/98

Introduced by: Representatives Moore, de Hueck, Hagen, Koskan, Lee, Schrempp, Smidt, Sperry, Wetz, and Windhorst and Senators Rounds, Benson, and Dennert at the request of the Interim Hunting Issues Committee

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing legislative intent with reference to the issuance 2 of special three-day nonresident waterfowl licenses. 3 WHEREAS, the Interim Hunting Issues Committee has worked closely with the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to formulate a new initiative to provide for the issuance of special three-4 5 day nonresident waterfowl licenses; and 6 WHEREAS, the Interim Hunting Issues Committee has introduced legislation to authorize 7 the issuance of such licenses but finds that there are significant policy considerations that should 8 be expressed in reference to the licenses that are inappropriate in statute; and 9 WHEREAS, it is important to support the Game, Fish and Parks Commission as it formulates 10 the policies to effectively implement this license initiative: 11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-12 third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the following 13 legislative findings be referred to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission for appropriate action: 14 Before the Game, Fish and Parks Commission issues any three-day nonresident fall waterfowl

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- licenses, the Commission should be satisfied that sufficient public access has been provided. The
- 2 public access must be new access and not access to areas presently open to the public for
- 3 waterfowl hunting. New access may consist of:
- 4 (1) Roads or trails not currently identified or used for public hunting;
- 5 (2) Lands presently classified as "take-line" waterfowl refuges.
- 6 (3) Walk-in access having good waterfowl hunting opportunities which are leased from
- 7 private landowners.
- 8 (4) Corps of Engineers land made more accessible by having roads or trails constructed.
- 9 Since three days of hunting opportunity will be provided with each nonresident three-day
- 10 license, additional public hunting opportunity should also consist of three hunter days of
- 11 additional access per three-day nonresident license issued. In order for the Commission to issue
- the total 2,000 three-day permits, 6,000 days of new waterfowl hunting opportunity access
- should be provided for the public. Finally, the nonresident three-day waterfowl license and no
- more than 1,500 regular ten-day nonresident waterfowl licenses should be restricted by the
- 15 Game, Fish and Parks Commission to counties along the Missouri River.

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1 **BILL HISTORY**

- 2 2/3/98 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.
- 3 2/3/98 Agriculture and Natural Resources Adopt Resolution as Amended, AYES 12, NAYS 1.
- 4 H.J. 362